



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

Raised Bill No. 5160

LCO No. 125

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

An Act Increasing The Minimum Wage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (j) of section 31-58 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (j) "Minimum fair wage" in any industry or occupation in this state
4 means a wage of not less than two dollars and sixty-six cents per hour,
5 and effective January 1, 1979, not less than two dollars and ninety-one
6 cents per hour, and effective January 1, 1980, not less than three dollars
7 and twelve cents per hour, and effective January 1, 1981, not less than
8 three dollars and thirty-seven cents per hour, and effective October 1,
9 1987, not less than three dollars and seventy-five cents per hour, and
10 effective October 1, 1988, not less than four dollars and twenty-five
11 cents per hour, and effective January 1, 1999, not less than five dollars
12 and sixty-five cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2000, not less
13 than six dollars and fifteen cents per hour, and effective January 1,
14 2001, not less than six dollars and seventy-five cents per hour, or one-
15 half of one per cent rounded to the nearest whole cent more than the
16 highest federal minimum wage, whichever is greater, except as may
17 otherwise be established in accordance with the provisions of this part.

18 Effective July 1, 2002, and each July first thereafter, the minimum fair
19 wage shall be adjusted by the percentage increase, if any, in the
20 National Consumer Price Index for all urban wage earners for the
21 twelve-month period ending on the last day of the preceding May, as
22 reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
23 Department of Labor, or one-half of one per cent rounded to the
24 nearest whole cent more than the highest federal minimum wage,
25 whichever is greater, except as may otherwise be established in
26 accordance with the provisions of this part. All wage orders in effect
27 on October 1, 1971, wherein a lower minimum fair wage has been
28 established, are amended to provide for the payment of the minimum
29 fair wage herein established except as hereinafter provided. Whenever
30 the highest federal minimum wage is increased, the minimum fair
31 wage established under this part shall be increased to the amount of
32 said federal minimum wage plus one-half of one per cent more than
33 said federal rate, rounded to the nearest whole cent, effective on the
34 same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage, and
35 shall apply to all wage orders and administrative regulations then in
36 force. The rates for learners, beginners, and persons under the age of
37 eighteen years shall be not less than eighty-five per cent of the
38 minimum fair wage for the first two hundred hours of such
39 employment and equal to the minimum fair wage thereafter, except
40 institutional training programs specifically exempted by the
41 commissioner.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the state's hourly minimum wage to six dollars and seventy-five cents effective January 1, 2001, and to require adjustments in the state hourly minimum wage every July first, effective July 1, 2002, by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban wage earners during the twelve months preceding May thirty-first.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]